

<b>Committee(s):</b>	<b>Date(s):</b>	<b>Item no.</b>
Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee	21 July 2014	
<b>Subject:</b> Revenue Outturn 2013/14- Open Spaces and City Gardens	<b>Public</b>	
<b>Report of:</b> The Chamberlain and the Director of Open Spaces	<b>For Information</b>	

### Summary

This report compares the revenue outturn for the services overseen by your Committee in 2013/14 with the final agreed budget for the year. In total, there was a better than budget position of £88,000 for the services overseen by your Committee compared with the final agreed budget for the year as set out below.

	<b>Final Agreed Budget</b> <b>£000</b>	<b>Revenue Outturn</b> <b>£000</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b> <b>£000</b>
<b>Local Risk</b>			
Director of Open Spaces	1,555	1,514	(41)
Director of the Built Environment (City Open Spaces)	140	131	(9)
City Surveyor	235	197	(38)
<b>Total Local Risk</b>	<b>1,930</b>	<b>1,842</b>	<b>(88)</b>
<b>Recharges</b>	<b>(126)</b>	<b>(126)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,804</b>	<b>1,716</b>	<b>(88)</b>

The Director's better than budget position of £41,000 has been aggregated with budget variations on services overseen by other committees, which produces an overall better than budget position of £232,000 (Local Risk) across all Open Spaces. It is proposed to carry forward £217,000 of this underspend. These requests will be considered by the Chamberlain in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee.

Underspend in the City Surveyor's Additional Works Programme will be available to spend in subsequent years of the scheme.

### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that this revenue outturn report for 2013/14 and the consequential implications for the 2014/15 budget be noted.

## **Main Report**

### **Budget Position for 2013/14**

1. The 2013/14 Latest Approved Budgets for the services overseen by your Committee were £1.764m and were received by your Committee in November 2013, endorsed by the Court of Common Council in March 2014 and subsequently updated for approved adjustments.

### **Revenue Outturn 2012/13**

2. Actual net expenditure for your Committee's services during 2013/14 totalled £1.716m, an underspend of £88,000 compared with the final agreed budget.
3. A summary comparison with the final agreed budget for the year is tabulated below. In the tables, figures in brackets indicate income or in hand balances, increases in income or decreases in expenditure.

<b>Summary Comparison of 2013/14 Revenue Outturn with Final Agreed Budget</b>			
	<b>Final Agreed Budget</b>	<b>Revenue Outturn</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
<b>Local Risk</b>			
City Open Spaces	1,011	966	(45)
Open Spaces Directorate	437	439	2
Bunhill Fields	107	109	2
<b>Total Director of Open Spaces Local Risk</b>	<b>1,555</b>	<b>1,514</b>	<b>(41)</b>
Director of the Built Environment (City Open Spaces)	140	131	(9)
City Surveyor	30	13	(17)
Additional Works Programme	205	184	(21)
<b>Total Local Risk</b>	<b>1,930</b>	<b>1,842</b>	<b>(88)</b>
<b>Total Recharges</b>	<b>(126)</b>	<b>(126)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1,804</b>	<b>1,716</b>	<b>(88)</b>

#### **Local Risk Carry Forward to 2014/15**

4. Chief Officers can request underspends of up to 10% or £500,000 (whichever is the lesser) of the final agreed local risk budget to be carried forward, so long as the underspending is not fortuitous and the resources are required for a planned purpose. Such requests are subject to the approval of the Chamberlain in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee.
  
5. Underspend in the City Surveyor's Additional Works Programme will be available to spend in subsequent years of the scheme.
  
6. The Director of Open Spaces' better than budget position of £41,000 has been aggregated with budget variations on services overseen by other committees which produces an overall better than budget position of £232,000 (Local Risk) of which £217,000 has been submitted for a carry forward as outlined below.

- i) £44,000 towards refurbishment of St Brides, St Dunstan's in the East, & St Paul's Cathedral Garden.
- ii) £89,000 (£60,000 vehicle purchase & £29,000 photovoltaic installation) at the Cemetery.
- iii) £44,000 Great Gregories over-wintering facility at Epping Forest.
- iv) £10,000 West Ham Park Nursery Business Plan.
- v) £10,000 Feasibility Study – Parliament Hill.
- vi) £20,000 New Signage – Hampstead Heath

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